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A Iewves Prophecy,

WITH
Newes from Rome.

Ann. Dylor

Of two mightie Armies, aswell footemen as horsmen: The
first of the great Sophy, the other of an Hebrew people, till this time not disco-
uered, comming from the Mountaines of Caspij, who pretend their warre is to
recover the Land of Promise, & expell the Turks out of Christendome.

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☞ To the renowned
Lord, *Don Mathias de Rensie*
of Venice.



After the particuler things allea-
ged in my former writings vnto
your Lordshippe, I thought it
good and conuenient by this my
Letter, to aduertise your Lord-
ship, of certaine great, horrible,
and fearefull things that hapned
in this quarter.

Purposing to certifie your Lordship of the pompe
and great triumph at the presenting of the Capitaines
of the Sea, vnto the great Turke: the miserie and vn-
happines of the poore prisoners: the discorde & con-
tention that came by the sonne of the Vice Roy of
Naples, being prisoner: the threatnings made to the
Christians: the receiuing of the Ambassadors of the
Soffy: the pompes, tryumphes, and entertainments
made vnto them, and yet dissembled enough, with
mocking one the other at their departing: the pre-
sents giuen: the going of the great Turke a hunting,

and all other things written at large, as your Lordship shall vnderstand.

But now your Lordship shall vnderstand at thys time, the greatest, the most wonderfull, and most strange thing that euer was heard of. The which partly hath so troubled the great Turke, and all the rest, that they haue left of all other affayres, to provide for the perrill and danger that at this time hangeth ouer theyr heads.

Your Lordships to vse,
Signior Valeſco.



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The newes are come that the king of Hungarie maketh a great Army, which shall haue for his ayde the gallies of Bud., and of many other Princes of Christendome. And they say moreover, that the king of Bohemia will helpe therein, and that the most part of Christian Princes will come and ayde him in this enterprize against the Turke, except the Signorie of Venice, which maddleth nothing at all in it. These reporters of newes asseure, that there shall come aboue a hundred gallies, besides other Barks, ships, & Hulkes without number, which is occasion that they hasten the warre the more. Notwithstanding, men esteeme not so much hereof, as of the war that is made beyond the Mountaines, as you shall vnderstand not without wondering at it. The Tarras make friendes vpon the greater Sea, & haue made a league and friendship with the great Turke, requiring ayde, for they are molested with war by the great Emperoz of Moscouia, & Prince of Sago lie, of Pogore, of Smeiengie, of Drossy, of Gazam, of Virgolofam, of Tartarie, of Cham, and of diuers other people and regions lying toward the South: they say that this Emperoz or Duke hath two Armies, and is called Iohn Dwarillo, a young Man, of the age of xxiii. yeares, noble and valiant, and a Christian, after the institution of the Greekes, and presumeth that by reason of his bloud, the Empire of Constantinople doth belong to him. And these two Armies are about a two hundred thousand horse.

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• They were not wont in times past to be so strong, nor so feared of the Turkes, for they had not the vse of artillery in the warre: but now they haue maruailous great preparation in theyr warre. Hee hath in wages certaine Dutch Captaines, and about tenne thousand Maister gunners, and is maruailous well furnished with harquebushes and artillery, and because men vnderstand that hee hath so vanquishd the Tartarians, and brought the to such a state, that they cannot much moze resist him and that if the saide Muscouite should be maisters ouer the Tartars, they should consequently be Rulers of the great sea, & the way should be open and easie for them to come, not onely to Constantino-ble, but also to driue the Turke out of Europe: And because that the saide great Turke is assured of this enterprize and commotion of the Greekes: he hath concluded and determined, to send to the sayde Tartars a good assistance of fifteene thousand fighting men, and also for this purpose, he hath sent to the Sea ten Gallies to passe them ouer.

Men make mention and doubt of Mondaccio, which is a great Prince and Ruler, and able to make fourescore, or a hundred thousand Horse: and yet men are vncertaine whose part he will take, because he is a tributary vnto the great Turke.

There is newes also from Affrica, that the King of Bugien, the King Tramece, the King of Tunis, the Childeen of Serif, the Lord of Murocho, and of Gran, with the Arabians & other, haue taken in hand to drype and expulse the Turke wholly out of Affrica, & to endomage him as much as they may. Men know not yet in what place they will war, but we shall know it shortly. The newes also is, that the Soffie is in Campe with a great Army,

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Army, and hath the Medes to helpe him, which boꝝder vppon the Caſpian Sea, and of one ſide neighbur to the Hircans, called at this day Correxans and Zecarans, with whom he hath made a league and peace. There are on his ſide alſo the Ibeans and Albians, and alſo the people of Melioar, which harbor vpon the Indians, & likewise with the King of Boſphorus, all beeing people maruailous ſwift and nimble. In this ſo mighty an hoſt and armie, is alſo Baſect the Sonne of the great Turke, by meanes whereof all in thoſe partes is in great trouble, as well as heere. It ſeemeth that the Ianiffaries bring him the lot of Turkie, as Baduget, Zermونيا, Alepo, and all the Regions lying neere to the Soſſi is remolted, all the which particularities ſhall be vnderſtood moze at large.

This newes is great, & hath made the great Turke to muſe enough vpon it, but aboue all theſe maruelous and dreadfull newes which are hapned, there is yet chanced another, which hath greatly feared and abaſhed all men, which although it ſeemeth to bee incredible, yet vpon my credit it is moſt true, and that is, that a people heretofore vnknowne, mighty, ſwift, & maruelous nimble, hath taken weapon in hand, to the diſadvantage and loſſe of the houſe of Ottoman. They ſaye that Alexander the great did in times paſt driue beyond the mountaine Caſpe nine tribes and a halfe of the Habrewes which worſhipped the Calfe & Serpent of Gold and draue them away, that neuer ſince there was no newes of them, neither knew any man if they were in the Worlde or not: becauſe the Sea of ſande, or the ſandy Sea, by a certaine inconuenience of ſand & gravel or Beche, ſwelled and roſe ſo high, that it utterly took from them the way into this our Region. But now by
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the meane of the new Nauigation that the Hollanders haue made, they are arriued in their country, and haue eſpied out all their dooings: and after y^e the ſayd Hollanders had inſtructed and taught them in the ſcience and knowledge to artillery, and gun-powder for Harquebuſhes & Daggs, whereunto they are maruelous apt and ready, they are become in all thinges very perſit. After this they egged them forward, to take weapon in hand, and paſſe the ſayd Mountaine by Land. And becauſe the ſandy Sea did hinder their paſſage, it appeareth y^e ſome Dutchman oz Italian, which yet men knewe not, but notwithstanding ſome great Aſtrogian oz Coſmographer taught them the way, making ſome hill plaine with ſire, whereby they might eaſilye paſſe, which is a thing of great wonder.

Theſe people haue two mighty great armies, and infinite ſtoze of victualles, by reaſon of the fruitfulneſſe of their Country, they are alſo well prouided of all manner of preparation for war, and cunning in the practice of their weapons. They ſay they will come & recouer the land of Promise, towards the which the firſt army is already very neere, to the great terror and dread of euery man which hath either ſeene oz hearde of them. The ſpyes which haue bene ſent out by the great Turke to deſcry them, do affirme, that beſide a hundred and two Armies, there followe an infinite number of people, as well foot-men as horſe-men, and theyr firſt army is already arriued vpon the limmits of Turky, putting all to ſire and ſword. Theyr language is baſtard Hebrew: and becauſe men ſpeake much of it here, I will not forgette to ſpeake alſo ſomething thereof woorthye to be noted, and well vnderſtoode: The Hebrewes of Conſtantinople ſay, that they haue certaine propheſies

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propheſies, among the which one maketh mention, that from the fourre parts of the world, ſhall riſe a people, and come into Bóg and Bagog, and then ſhall appeare (as they perſwade themſelves) their Meſſias in might and power, and then they ſhall haue dominion and rule in the world, whereof they ſecretly reioyce, and are wondrous glad. They ſay moreover, that there is a prophecie grauen in a pillar ſet at Podromo which ſaith thus: A mighty Prince ſhall riſe, whoſe beginning ſhall be of ſmal reputation, who by his Iſſue ſhal waite of ſuch force and ſtrength (with the helpe of God) that he ſhall bring to nothing, the empire and rule of Ottoman, and ſhall be the right poſſeſſor and inheritor of the Empire of Conſtantinople, & they beleue all that it ſhall be this Emperoz and duke of Muſcouia, which is already in great eſtimation among the Greeks.

The Turkes haue a prophecie, which they ſing often and weepe bitterly the while, for it berokeneth and denounceth vnto them, their vtter ruine and deſtruction. And although it ſeeme ſtraunge, to ſay that the Turkes haue prophecies, it is no meruaile: for Balam was a falſe Propbet: the Sybilles alſo prophecied and were Pagans. For all theſe cauſes the great Turke hath forbidden wine, & will that all men goe ſiue times in a day to the Moſchea, and pray to GOD for theiꝝ helth and ſafetie. And ſo he prepareth three great armies, one againſt the Muſcouites, another againſt the Roſſie, and the third for to goe againſt the Hebrewes of the Mountaines of Caſpij. Within theſe ſeue dayes you ſhal haue other newes, wherefore thus making an end, I commend me vnto your good Lordſhip: From Rome, the firſt day of Iune, 1606. Your faithfull and truſty ſeruant, Signior Valeſco.

A Jewes prophesie.

*The description of the first Armie, conducted
by Zoroam a Jew, Captaine generall
of the Armies.*

First of all a Jew of verie great stature, of a fleshlie colour, more red then otherwise, with broad eyes, called Zoroam, is Captaine generall of all the Armies, hee leadeth under his Ensigne twelue thousand horse, and twenty thousand footmen. The horse-men are armed after a light sort, but very good Harnes, almost after our fashion: they carrie Launces of longe Reedes, very hard and light, yet so sharpe pointed, that they passe thoroowe a thing with incredible lightnesse: they carry also shields or targets of bone, and in steede of Swords, they vse certaine Courtillaxes.

They are apparrelled with the colour of their Ensigne, and all clothed with silke: the foote-men carrie Pikes of the same sort, with Helmet and Habergin: their Ensigne is of blacke silke and blew, with a Dog following a Hart, or Bucke, and a saying written in it, which is in our language thus: Either quick or dead.

2. Of the Armie of Don Phares.

There is one called Phares, which is an Carle, yong and valiant, not regarding this present life: this man hath vnder his commaund fiftene hundred Horsemen armed lightly, onely on the fore-part and head-peece: yet this Armour is so well tempered and wrought, that it keepeth out a Launce and Harque-bush shot.

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This manner of arming themselves, is to the intent they may neuer turne their backe to runne away: they haue also fierce and light hoxses: they are eighteene thousand footemen, apparrelled with a kinde of sodden leather, made of the skinne of a certaine Beast, so that no pike noz Harquebussh can pearse it. These men are beastly people, and wil neuer flie for any thing, they are very obedient and subiect vnto their Prince, and their ordinary apparrel is Silke. The Ensigne that they beare, is a falcon pecking oz billing wth another Byrde, with a sentence that saith, Either thine or mine shall breake.

3 Of the Marquesse of Galair.

There is a Marquesse of Galair called Goes, this man leadeth fifteen hundred men of armes, which be all exceeding well armed and stout, strong, and rebust men: their hoxses be moriskes, the greatest, the strongest, the fairest, and the best that be in the world: there are also seuentene thousand souldiours, very wel appointed with Launce and harquebussh: their Ensigne oz armes is a redde field, with a maide clothed in greene, holding a Lion in her hand, with these words. I hope to subdue a greater thing.

4 Of the Duke of Falach.

There is a Duke of Falach, called Obeth, who hath vnder his conduct xx. thousand footmen, armed with a certaine mettall like yron, but it is light and hard, they haue many good swords, launces, and other force, harquebusshes, and wislers: their Ensigne oz armes, is a mermaid in a blacke field, and the deuise thus, My singing shall not cease vntill the end.